

# THE OCALA BANNER.

THE NEWSPAPER.—"WHAT IS IT BUT A MAP OF BUSY LIFE; ITS FLUCTUATIONS AND VAST CONCERNS."—COWPER.

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN.

**MISS SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS.**  
Local Editor.

Mr. A. P. Munroe, of Pine, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Harry Baxter, of Anthony, spent Saturday with Ocala friends.

Mr. W. A. Redding, of Levon, was numbered among our Friday shoppers.

Mr. Munroe, of Munroe Brothers & McDonald, of Pine, represented his section in Ocala Friday.

Mrs. Charles Mathews has returned home from a visit to her son and daughter-in-law at Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lyles, of Newberry, have gone to Tennessee to make their future home in that state.

Mrs. W. H. Lohrig returned home Saturday afternoon from Pablo Beach, where she spent a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Packham left Friday for Philadelphia, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Little Miss Sara Fienberg, of Dunnellon, was in Ocala Saturday. She was returning home from a visit to relatives in Savannah.

Mr. Horace Whetstone, formerly of this city, is now connected with a large wholesale grocery house in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Frank L. Watson, the well known turpentine operator with headquarters at Citra, was shaking hands with his Ocala friends Saturday.

Mr. O. L. Burdick is visiting friends and relatives in Missouri, and will extend his trip to New York before returning home in the fall.

Mrs. Adam Rou and children returned to their home at Fairfield Saturday after a visit in Ocala to the family of Mr. J. L. Smoak.

Mr. Bartley Corley, of this city, formerly of Leesburg, attended the funeral of the late Joseph H. C. Pratt at that place Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Edwards, who has been spending the past six weeks with relatives at her old home in Alabama, arrived home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. F. B. Sparkman, of Gaiter, who came to this county in 1871, was a pleasant visitor Saturday. He says the farms in his section were nearly all drowned out.

Mr. D. E. McIver has gone to Hickory, N. C., to visit his family, who are spending the summer there. Before returning home Mr. and Mrs. McIver will visit New York.

Mrs. W. S. Pike left Friday for Daytona Beach to spend a couple of weeks. She will be joined there by her son, Mr. Eugene Cox, of East Point, Ga., who will spend a short while with her.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McKay, of Tampa, announce the birth of a son, D. B. Jr. Mr. McKay is editor of the Tampa Daily Times and his friends hope the little one will grow up to be as popular as his father.

Mrs. John Brown and children, of Bellevue, who have recently returned to Florida from California, where they made their home for several years, spent a few days in Ocala, the guest of Mrs. Brown's sister-in-law, Mrs. Sue Richardson.

Knight & Lang, the hustling wagon and harness dealers, yesterday unloaded another car load of the popular Fern Hill wagons. This firm is certainly doing a rousing business since opening up several months ago, and it is on the increase daily.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Allen, of Weirsdale, after spending several days in Ocala, returned home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Allen went down on the train and Mr. Allen drove through the country, taking on his way his new rowboat, which was built for him by Mr. J. L. Smoak, of this city.

Mr. S. Feinberg has purchased a launch which he now has making regular trips on the Withlacoochee from Dunnellon to Fort Inglis, and is carrying all the freight he can handle. He will run an excursion next Sunday from here to the gulf, which will be a most enjoyable trip for those desiring an outing.—Dunnellon Advocate.

## HYMENIAL.

Harri—Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson Watt, of Griffin, Ga., have issued cards announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ethel, to Rev. Geo. Hendree Harrison, of Ocala.

The wedding will take place at six o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, September the fourth, at St. George's church in Griffin, and will be a beautiful society event. A large reception will be given from six to seven o'clock at the home of the bride's parents at number one hundred and five North Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will spend the month of September at Talullah Falls and other beautiful resorts in the mountains of Georgia, and after the first of October will be at home at the rectory on Ocklawaha avenue.

Mr. Harrison has been the rector of Grace Episcopal church in this city since last October, coming here from Griffin. He is exceedingly popular, not only with his parishioners, but with everyone who has the pleasure of knowing him, and his bride will be warmly welcomed to Ocala.

Drake—Bauknight.

The invitations are out to the marriage of Mr. Edward Drake and Miss Alta Bauknight, of Archer, their marriage to occur on the thirty-first of August at the home of the bride.

Mr. Drake is a brother of Mr. Frank Drake, of this city, and for some time he made his home here. After leaving Ocala he went to Crystal River and Inglis to reside, but is now making his home at Brooksville. He is a clever and accomplished young man and has many friends here, who are interested in the news of his coming marriage to one of the most popular young ladies at Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griggs, of Lynne, were shopping in Ocala Saturday. Mr. Griggs is as peaceful and law-abiding citizen as we have in the county, and he says the reports going out from Ocala that citizens from the country are arrested on the slightest provocation is injuring the town from a trading point of view and if the stories are not true the merchants and officials ought to correct them. Mr. Griggs is correct, and we hope that these reports are exaggerated. We shall do what we can to make the visits of our "country cousins" (we use the phrase in no offensive sense) pleasant, comfortable and free from molestation.

Attorney L. S. Beck has just received a letter from Mr. W. O. Wald, formerly justice of the peace for this district. He is on an English ranch in Argentine Republic. He has 900 head of cattle, 600 head of sheep and 100 head of horses and with the exception of a boy is entirely alone. He is much pleased with his new home and believes that he will soon be able to return to the United States with an ample amount of the coin of the realm. His friends are pleased to hear of his good fortune.

Mr. George Ohmmacht, of Dunnellon, was in Ocala Friday for the first time in several years. He is himself a very modest man, but a gentleman he was with said that when Ohmmacht first went to Dunnellon he peddled peanuts and strawberries. He now has a fine brick block and upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars in bank. Incidentally he said that Dunnellon is one of the best trading points in Florida.

Miss Hattie Hodge has opened a millinery store in Miami. Her sister, Miss Laura, is with her. At present they are guests at the Gutter house, corner 10th street and Avenue C. Miss Hodge is one of Florida's most enterprising young ladies and we feel sure that she will be successful in this new undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Slack, of Waldo, are on a visit to Mr. Slack's father at Martin. Before her marriage Mrs. Slack was Miss Nora Knoblock, of that place. After their visit to Martin they will go to Gainesville to make their home in that city.

Mr. Clifford Ayer, of McIntosh, and Mr. Douglass Hopkins, of Orange Lake, came down to Ocala Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday in the city.

Miss Elsa Schneider went down to Dunnellon Saturday afternoon to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider.

Gainesville is to be congratulated on having Prof. Tom McBeath at the head of its high school.—Lake City Index.

Miss Florence Walters Entertains for Miss Mattie Adams.

On Friday evening the dull monotony of the summer months was broken by a delightful party given by Miss Florence Walters at her home on South Third street for her cousin, Miss Mattie Adams, of Newberry, S. C., who has been her guest for a week or more.

Invited to meet Miss Adams were the following young people: Misses Victoria Rayson, Leafy Sylvester, Jessilu Martin, Sara and Louise Harris, Messrs. T. H. Harris, George Blitch, W. V. Wheeler, Allan Bridges, E. B. Duncan, Will Howse, Howard and Harry Walters and Willie Wilson.

Partners for the evening were chosen in a novel manner. Cards were given to the young men containing the hidden name of one of the young ladies present. After deciphering these names the partners took their places at the various tables provided and indulged in guessing contests.

But, first, each man was required to make a sketch of his partner, and some of the results were exceedingly ludicrous.

For the men was provided a "cake" contest and for the girls a "dressmaking" contest. Partners were allowed to assist each other and the guessing was very spirited and enjoyable and some of the answers were very clever. The prizes were an exquisite little chafing dish apron for the girls and a silver tie clasp for the men.

During the evening ice cream and cake was served by Miss Walters, who was assisted by her sister, Miss Margaret Walters.

Another feature of this pleasant party was a memory test. A great many articles were placed on the dining table and the guests were allowed to walk rapidly around the table and glance at the articles thereon and were then required to go back into the parlor and from memory write a list of what they had seen, and it was quite remarkable the number of articles remembered by some and the very few that others could recollect.

In every particular the party given by Miss Walters was exceedingly novel, and her guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

Death of Mr. Joseph C. Pratt.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Joseph H. C. Pratt, editor of the Leesburg Commercial, will cause profound sorrow throughout this state. Mr. Pratt was an able and dignified journalist and made his impress distinctively felt among the newspaper fraternity of Florida. His father was a journalist before him and achieved pronounced success in the early days of the history of the state. The son was reared in a printing office and took to the profession as if by intuition. He succeeded his father as editor of the Palatka Herald, but afterwards went to Leesburg, where he established the Commercial and his life is a part of the history of Leesburg.

Mr. Pratt attended the last meeting of the state press association which met in this city in May and was looking remarkably well. He was sick only three days and when the grim reaper appeared he was yet in the prime of life and his untimely death is the cause of universal regret.

He was a good, and strong and fearless citizen and a man of irreproachable character and the Commercial under his direction was one of the most influential of the weekly newspapers of the state.

Strauss & Company Sell Out.

It has been known for some days that Mr. Thomas H. Keating, a wealthy gentleman from Palatka, was on a trade with Messrs. Strauss & Company, of this city, so it will not be a surprise to our readers when told that this sale was consummated late Saturday afternoon.

We understand that Mr. Keating purchased the entire business and will take immediate control.

Mr. Keating owns large property interests in Palatka and Daytona Beach, and owns the famous Keating pier and pavilion at the latter place. He will be a valuable acquisition to the business interests of this community.

Mr. Strauss has been a resident of this county for fifteen years or more and is thoroughly identified with the business interests and has taken an active part in its political affairs, and his friends throughout the county will be glad to learn that he will continue his citizenship with us.

It is not known yet what line of business he will follow.

Mr. Theodore Carroll, a former Ocalan and one of the oldest traveling men on the road, spent Saturday in this city.

## THE COURT HOUSE TANGLE.

What the County Commissioners Did at the Special Session Saturday—Matters of Disagreement Adjusted and Building Will Now be Rushed.

OFFICIAL.)

Ocala, August 18, 1906.

The county commissioners met in special session on this date. Present Hon. H. W. Long, chairman; N. A. Fort, S. R. Pyles, J. L. Edwards, C. W. Turner, Commissioners.

After discussion by Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. MacKay, architect and Messrs. Lewmans, contractors, the following resolution was adopted:

1st: Be it resolved that the valuator for tax collector's office be changed from the position shown on the plans and placed in the angle formed by the partition wall between tax collector's office and the tax assessor's with corridor wall, change the door from corridor to tax assessor's office to meet requirements of above alterations; the foundation for the vault to go to the ground with opening left in basement for storage purposes the same as opening in vault door.

2nd: Be it further resolved, that the stone work below the water table shall be bonded, and where at present the bonds are not made with joints, shall be blinded and channel joints made to harmonize with the balance of the work now bonded; that the stone work above the water table not bonded, shall be taken down and bonded, these bonds do not contemplate that the vertical joints shall be perpendicular above each other, but that no bonds shall be staggered less than six inches and both vertical and horizontal joints shall be beaded.

3rd: It is further resolved, that in the future the stone as crunched and broken shall be screened in bulk before used in concreting.

4th: Further resolved that the changes above stated shall not entail any additional cost to the county for such construction.

5th: Further resolved, that these resolutions shall stand in lieu of and as a substitution for resolutions adopted August 7, 1906, in regard to construction of building.

6th: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Messrs. Lewman & Co., for ratification.

(seal) H. W. LONG,  
Chairman Board of County Commissioners, Marion County, Florida.  
We agree to the above and hereby confirm and ratify said resolutions,  
W. T. Lewman & Co.,  
by W. C. Lewman.  
Board thereupon adjourned.  
S. T. SISTRUNK,  
Clerk.

## ALABAMA HOME COMING.

Alabama, like Kentucky, will have a home coming week and all the wanderers from that state are expected to return and renew a temporary allegiance. The week set apart for this occasion is October 15 to 20 inclusive and Birmingham will be the mecca whence most of the sons and daughters are expected to visit. The state fair will be in progress and among other attractions is an old fashioned tournament, floral parade, horse show, grand ball, grand concert and other features.

Mr. W. M. T. Christian, of this city, has received the following pressing invitation:

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 13, 1906

Dr. M. T. W. Christian, Ocala, Fla.,  
Dear Sir:—There will be a great home coming for Alabamians the week of October 15-20. There will be a splendid celebration of this event in Birmingham during that week. Railroads will give very low rates and after the celebration in Birmingham the visiting Alabamians may return to their old homes for further enjoyment. You are extended a special invitation to come. It is our intention to put "the big pot in the little one" in honor of your coming. The state exposition will be in progress during this week and it will give you an opportunity to see the marvelous development of Alabama in the past few years.

JOSEPH B. BABB,  
Secretary.

Governor Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, should be told of the contest of fiddlers which is to be one of the special features of the west Florida fair at DeFuniak Springs. The first prize is \$20 and the second \$10. Should the famous fiddler accept, the success of the DeFuniak show would be decided from the day of the announcement.—St. Augustine Record.

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A portion of these horses are unbroken, and on these I am prepared to give special bargain prices. These may be seen at my stable near Ocala Wagon Works.

**J. D. McDUFFY, Ocala, Fla.**

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